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TOPIC: Cottbus Airfield

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EVALUATION: [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED: [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT: 19 to 27 June 1951

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DATE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED: 30 July 1951

REFERENCES: [REDACTED]

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1. On 19 June 1951, a Soviet Air Force captain seen at Cottbus Airfield wore a gold badge on the left breast of his uniform. The badge, about 7 cm [REDACTED] had the number 3 on a light gray background. \* On 23 June, eight twin-engine Pe-2s were parked at the field. [REDACTED]
2. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 24 June, 15 twin-engine aircraft were parked in two groups one opposite the other in front of the hangars at the field. The planes were covered with tarpaulins. There was no flying.
3. On 26 June, flying by three biplanes started at 8 a.m. About 40 men in flying suits, 1 fire truck, 1 tank truck, and 1 truck were seen at the take-off point. The flights, which lasted about 15 minutes, were apparently made by beginners. Two rows of 36 twin-engine planes, probably Pe-2s, were seen in front of the hangars. No jet aircraft were seen. Excavation and grading work west of the field was still under way. [REDACTED] moved toward the field. [REDACTED]
4. On 19 June, the field was still occupied by twin-engine planes. There was no flying. Construction work on the western edge of the field continued. [REDACTED]
5. Between 4 and 7 p.m. on 24 June, 36 twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies, probably Pe-2s, were parked in two rows in front of the closed hangars. On 28 June, 38 aircraft of the same type were parked in the same area. There was no flying on either day. [REDACTED] entered the field. [REDACTED]

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On 27 June, twin-engine planes were flying in separate elements of two. The aircraft were of the same type as those previously seen firing at sleeve targets. \*\*

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\* ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~ Comment. For sketch of badge, see Annex. The badge is probably the insignia for flying personnel. The significance of the number 3 is not known. The same insignia was previously reported at Schoenwalde airfield. See ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~ 25X1A

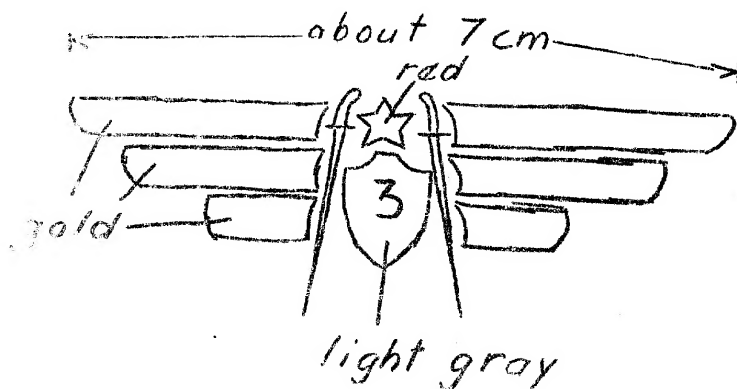
\*\* ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~ Comment. The airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment. No jet bombers have been stationed at Cottbus airfield.

Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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Annex to

Badge Seen at Cottbus Airfield



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